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GENERAL DEVICES PROPOSES RIGHTS OFFERING. General Devices, Inc., Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, N. J., filed a registration statement (File 2-15998) with the SEC on January 6, 1960, seeking registration of 60,888 shares of common stock. The stock is to be offered for subscription by common stockholders at the rate of one new share for each five shares held. The record date, subscription price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Drexel & Co. is listed as the underwriter.

The registration also includes an additional 10,000 shares to be offered to company employees under the company's Employees' Stock Purchase Plan.

The company is primarily engaged in the development and manufacture of a related line of electronic and electromechanical components and systems for multiplex telemetering, a process of collecting data from a large number of metering channels and transforming the data on a single channel for transmission by radio to a remote point or for storage on a magnetic tape recorder. The company now has outstanding 302,934 common shares and certain indebtedness. Net proceeds of the sale of additional stock will be added to the company's general funds, of which $380,000 will be used to finance the purchase of land adjacent to the company's present plant, the construction of an addition to the present plant, and the purchase of new equipment therefor; some $200,000 will be used to reduce short-term loans; and the balance will be used for working capital.

COLORADO INTERSTATE GAS FILES THRIFT PLAN. Colorado Interstate Gas Company, Colorado Springs, Colo., filed a registration statement (File 2-15999) with the SEC on January 6, 1960, seeking registration of $1,250,000 of contributions by Participating Employees under its Thrift Plan, together with 28,090 shares of common stock of which company which might be acquired pursuant thereto.

ROW PETERSON CO. FILES FOR OFFERING AND SECONDARY. Row, Peterson & Company, 2500 Crawford Ave., Evanston, Ill., filed a registration statement (File 2-16000) with the SEC seeking registration of 164,689 shares of common stock, of which 7,343 shares are to be offered for sale by the company to its employees. The remaining 157,346 shares are presently outstanding and are to be offered for sale by the present holders thereof. The offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Kidder, Peabody & Co. is listed as the principal underwriter.

The company is engaged in the publication and sale of textbooks and related material for the elementary school, high school and college market. The company now has outstanding 435,393 common shares, of which 314,692 shares (72.28%) are held by nine selling stockholders. Holders of the largest blocks are Irene H. Hopkins, 79,100 shares, Margaret R. Mertz, 73,962, and Kathleen R. Jones, 66,969; and they propose to offer 39,550, 36,981, and 33,485 shares, respectively, of such holdings. Gordon M. Jones is listed as president and the owner of 21,315 shares, of which he proposes to sell 10,657 shares. According to the prospectus, the offering by shareholders "is being undertaken primarily to create a public market for the company's shares."

Net proceeds to the company from its sale of the 7,343 shares will be used to defray the company's expenses incurred in connection with this offering, and the balance of the proceeds will be added to general corporate funds.

GIBCO EXEMPTION ORDER EXTENDED. The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release 40-2963) extending through 1960 the previously granted (1958) exemption from the requirements of Section 30 of that Act, except Section 30(d), and from the necessity of filing a registration statement as required by Section 8(b) thereof, subject to the condition that Gibco and its officers, directors and shareholders comply with the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act and that the exemption shall terminate 30 days after such time, if any, as Gibco engages in any significant transaction.

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DUKE POWER PROPOSES BOND OFFERING. Duke Power Company filed a registration statement (File 2-16001) with the SEC on January 6, 1960 seeking registration of $50,000,000 of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series due 1990, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be used for the purpose of financing in part the cost of the company's continuing construction program, which involves expenditures estimated at $77,450,000.

PUGET PARK CORP. FILES FOR OFFERING. Puget Park Corporation, Seattle, Wash., filed a registration statement (File 2-16002) with the SEC on January 6, 1960, seeking registration of 125,650 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at $6.50 per share. The offering is to be made on a best efforts basis by Hill, Carlington & Co. of Seattle, for which it will receive a selling commission of 65¢ per share.

The company is engaged in a land assembly program, comprising at this date 1,000 acres of land between Everett and Seattle, Washington along the Seattle-Everett Freeway. The company intends to apply the proceeds in part to the payment of balances due upon outstanding real estate contracts in the sum of $450,181 as of October 31, 1959; $10,000 for the payment of a bank note, sums required for other bank loans, if any, and $15,918 for payment of accounts payable and accrued expenses; and $100,000 to be set aside as a reserve fund for future operating expenses including taxes, assessments, insurance, management, legal fees and other expenses. The balance of the proceeds will be used for the acquisition of contiguous or near-by properties.

The prospectus lists James William Cawdrey as president. He and various other individuals and firms own all of the 124,350 outstanding common shares, in which $400,000 has been invested, the management officials owning 75.6% of such shares.

TEXAS ELECTRIC PROPOSES DEBENTURE OFFERING. Texas Electric Service Company, Seventh and Lamar Streets, Fort Worth, today filed a registration statement (File 2-16003) with the SEC seeking registration of $12,000,000 of Sinking Fund Debentures, due 1985, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. Net proceeds of the sale of the debentures, together with a $6,000,000 cash contribution to be made by its parent, Texas Utilities Company, and other available funds will be used to cover 1960 construction expenditures and for other corporate purposes. Construction expenditures approximated $25,000,000 in 1959 and are estimated at $35,000,000 in 1960 and $31,000,000 in 1961.

CONNECTICUT LIGHT PROPOSES BOND OFFERING. The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Selden St., Berlin, Conn., today filed a registration statement (File 2-16004) with the SEC seeking registration of $25,000,000 of First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series P, to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co. and three other firms. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. Net proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be added to the company's general funds and used to repay outstanding bank loans (amounting to over $12,900,000, the net proceeds of which have been applied to the company's construction program), to finance in part the company's 1960 construction expenditures, and for other corporate purposes. The 1960 construction program is estimated at $32,000,000.

REVISED PROXY RULES FOR INVESTMENT COMPANIES PROPOSED. The SEC today announced a proposal for modification of its proxy rules as they apply to registered investment companies and it invited the submission of views and comments thereon not later than January 29, 1960 (Release 40-2962).

The present proxy rules are of general application and are not designed to secure disclosures primarily directed to problems peculiar to a particular industry. Developments in the investment-company field, the Commission states, have indicated that disclosures now required for investment companies by the proxy rules, particularly with reference to the investment adviser and his relationship to, and his dealings with, the investment company, should be re-examined in the light of the provisions of the Investment Company Act.

" In view of the significant role ordinarily occupied by the management of the investment adviser by reason of its strategic position through the investment advisory contract and interlocking relationships with the investment company, the Commission has been concerned as to the problems confronting the directors of registered investment companies in discharging their duties in connection with this relationship. As part of their duties, directors of the investment companies must consider, among other things, whether the arrangements for advisory services have been or are being secured upon satisfactory terms. Further, the statute imposes upon a majority of those directors of the investment company who are not affiliated with the investment adviser the specific duty of approving the investment advisory arrangement. The importance of these considerations has been emphasized by recent sales of interests in several investment advisory and management companies. It is believed that the more adequate disclosures provided for in the proposed rules will not only

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serve more fully to inform shareholders of the stewardship by the contractual managers, but also will serve to provide the directors with information which will assit them in meeting their responsibilities.

The proposed rules relate particularly to proxy solicitations in those situations in which (1) any director or nominee of the investment company is an affiliated person of the existing or any prospective investment adviser; and (2) action is to be taken by shareholders with respect to an investment advisory contract. They seek to provide for disclosure of various pertinent information with respect to the investment adviser, the holders of its stock, the terms of the investment contract, including the rate of compensation of the adviser and the amount of the adviser's fee and any other payments to the adviser during the year, as well as financial statements of the adviser.

COURT ORDER ENJOINS SOUTHWESTERN IRON & STEEL. The SEC San Francisco Regional Office announced January 4, 1960, that a court order of preliminary injunction had been issued (USDC, Tucson, Ariz.) enjoining Southwestern Iron & Steel Industries, Inc., and certain individuals from further sales of Southwestern Iron & Steel stock in violation of the Securities Act registration requirement. The defendants consented to entry of the court order. (Lit. Release No. 1553)

GENERAL FOAM PROPOSES STOCK OFFERING. General Foam Corporation, 640 West 134 St., New York, today filed a registration statement (File 2-16005) with the SEC seeking registration of 175,000 shares of common stock, to be offered for public sale at $4 per share. The offering is to be made on a best efforts basis by Brand, Grumet & Seigel, Inc., and Arnold Malkan & Co., Inc., for which a 40¢ per share selling commission is to be paid. The underwriters also will receive, if all the shares are sold, five-year options to purchase an additional 32,000 common shares at $4 per share, which shares also are included in the registration statement. The two underwriters or their affiliates have purchased for investment an additional 15,000 shares from certain stockholders at $1 per share. An additional 5,000 shares were purchased by two other individuals from the stockholders at 50¢ per share. These additional 20,000 shares also are included in the registration statement.

The company in December 1959 acquired all the outstanding stock of the Schwab Rubber Co., Inc., and The Schwab Latex Co., Inc., which subsidiaries were under common ownership and management with the company. The company and subsidiaries have been principally engaged in the business of purchasing, processing and distributing foam rubber and synthetic foam products. It also expects to engage in the business of manufacturing urethane and other synthetic foams. The company now has outstanding 197,000 common shares. It expects to apply the greater part of the proceeds of the sale of additional stock to financing the company's entry into the synthetic foam manufacturing business. The cost thereof will include a loan of about $90,000 to the company's lessor, The Greator Hazleton Community Area New Organization, Inc., which will construct for the company's occupancy a new building at an estimated cost of $500,000, to adjoin the present processing plant in Hazleton, Pa. Machinery and equipment to be installed in the new plant will cost about $215,000. With the proceeds the company also will apply $30,000 to cancellation of an indebtedness and $265,000 to general working capital. Of the outstanding stock, Alfred Schoen, president, owns 40% and he and other management officials 78.68%.

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